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LABOUR (CONFED) ADVOCATES INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY.

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1. SPEAKING TOWARD END OF SAME DAY-LONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT SESSION AT WHICH ANGOL-AMERICAN CHAIRMAN OPPENHEIMER
CALLED FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (REFTEL)
CONFED SECRETARY C.P. GROBLER ADVOCATED SIMILAR COMMISSION
(THOUGH HE DENIED COLLUSION WITH OPPENHEIMER)

2. HOWEVER, WHILE LATTER HAD SPOKEN IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING TRADE
UNION RIGHTS TO BLACKS, GROBLER STRONGLY REITERATED LONG-STANDING
CONFED OPPOSITION TO THIS ARGUING INTER ALIA THAT BLACK UNIONS
WOULD SUBVERT BASIC TRADE UNION PRECEPTS BY GETTING INVOLVED IN
POLITICS AND USING MOVEMENT AS POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

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3. SPEAKING LATER ON AT CONVENTION BANQUET NEW PRESIDENT OF

CONSERVATIVE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF MINES, A.W.S. SCHUMANN,
ENDORSED GROBLER'S RECOMMENDATION.

4. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF HIGH LEVEL ENDORSEMENTS GROBLER TOLD
REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER PRIVATELY THAT HE SAW NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER
OF GETTING SAG TO GO ALONG WITH COMMISSION PROPOSAL AS LONG AS
MARAIS VILJOEN REMAINED IN CABINET AS LABOUR MINISTER.
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